**Esplora**

**Task 2:** Activity 3

**What to do-** Answer *Riflettiamo* in English. Write a paragraph and use the grammar on page 20 of *Esplora Student Book* to support your answer. Provide examples in English and Italian and compare them to show that you understand the difference.

RIFLETTIAMO

How is saying your age different between Italian and English?

-In English, people say “I am … years old” whereas in Italian, the term “I have … years”. The verb *avere* is used (meaning “to have”) with “anni” years. The word avere is an irregular verb and has its own special pattern…

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| **Italian** | **English** |
| [io] ho | I have |
| [tu] sei | You have |
| [lui/lei] ha | He/she has |
| [Lei] ha | You have (formal) |

EXPLAINGING YOUR OR SOMEONE ELSE’S AGE…

[Io] ho diciotto anni.

**English:** I am 18 (eighteen) years old.

**Italian:** I have 18 years.

[Tu] hai dieci anni.

**English:** You are 10 (ten) years old.

**Italian:** You have 10 years.

[Lui/Lei] ha sette anni.

**English:** He/she is 7 (seven) years old.

**Italian:** He/she has 7 years.

[Lei] ha venti anni (formal).

**English:** You are 20 (twenty) years old.

**Italian:** You have 20 years.

ASKING SOMEONE HOW OLD THEY ARE…

Quanti anni hai?

**English:** How old are you?

**Italian:** How many years are you?

Quanti anni ha [lui/lei]?

**English:** How old is he/she?

**Italian:** How many years is he/she?

Quanti anni ha, Lei? (formal)

**English:** How old are you?

**Italian:** How many years are you?